

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 1 is amended. No new matter is presented. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is submitted that claims 1-6 recite patentable subject matter. Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for the interview conducted on January 23, 2007. In the interview, claims 1 and 6 were discussed. It was pointed out by the Applicants representatives that the combination of the cited references does not teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention. In view of these comments, the Examiner requested that claim 1 be amended to more clearly recite that the elements of the microphone are provided in the wireless microphone. Therefore, Applicants have amended claim 1 and 6 to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everett (U.S. Patent No. 6,690,804) in view of Fuminori (Japanese Patent Publication 2001-289675). The Examiner takes the position that the combination of Everett and Fuminori teach or suggest all the features recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Everett is directed lighted microphone cable indicator. The lighting apparatus for use with a microphone and a sound mixing system is provide wherein each microphone has a associated channel located in the sound mixing system. Each microphone has a lighting means that assigns a particular color to that particular microphone and each channel has the same color associated with it as the color identifying the microphone.

Fuminori is directed to a radio transmission apparatus which includes a wireless microphone, a transceiver, or a radio transmitter, the audio equipment equipped with a sound recording function like a tape recorder. Fuminori also discloses a circuit changing switch.

It is submitted that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the features of the claims invention. First, the Everett reference is directed to a lighted microphone cable

indicator. It does not disclose a wireless microphone as provided in the claimed invention. The Examiner also admitted during the interview that Everett does not teach a wireless microphone as provided in the claimed invention, but rather is directed to a lighted microphone cable indicator. Therefore, it is submitted that Everett does not teach or suggest a wireless microphone as recited in claims 1 and 6.

Next, although Fuminori discloses a wireless microphone and a circuit changing switch, Fuminori does not teach or suggest that the circuit changing circuit is provided in the wireless microphone. Rather, Fuminori discloses the wireless microphone positioned in a radio transmitter machine which includes a circuit changing switch. In contrast to the teachings of Fuminori, the claimed invention provides a wireless microphone comprising a switching device provided for switching the color of the display on the microphone, wherein the wireless microphone is differentiated between other microphones within an area by illuminating a color marking which distinguishes the microphone from other microphones having different color markings.

Further, since Everett is directed to a wired microphone whereas Fuminori is directed to a radio transmitter having a wireless microphone, it is submitted that one skilled in the art would not have combined the references to teach or suggest the features of the claimed invention.

Finally, in view of the Interview with the Examiner, applicants have amended Claim 1 to more clearly recite the features of claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that the cited references fail to teach or suggest a wireless microphone comprising a color display and a switching device as provided in the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Everett in view of Fuminori and further in view of Bejin (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,729). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 3.

Claim 3 is dependent upon amended independent claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 3 recites patentable subject matter for at least the reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Everett in view of Fuminori and further in view of Freudenschuss et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,239,359). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 4 and 5.

Claims 4 and 5 are dependent upon amended independent claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 4 and 5 recite patentable subject matter for at least the reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants request the favorable consideration of claims 1-6. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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